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**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of the claims in the present application. However, applicants must respectfully traverse the Examiner's Statements for Reasons for Allowance. In particular, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." (37 CFR 104(e)(2001)).

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Applicants believe that the claims are allowable because of the failure of the prior art to teach or suggest the combination of limitations as noted by the examiner, but applicants do not acquiesce that selective limitations need to be identified, and that patentability should not be limited to each feature exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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